- 7. The nucleic acid molecule of claim 6, wherein the at least one coding region comprises a first coding region located between the first and second expression control sequences and a second coding region located downstream of the second expression control sequence.
- 8. The nucleic acid molecule of claim 6, wherein the first expression control sequence comprises a first viral IRES element derived from coxsackie B virus or Cricket paralysis virus, and the second expression control sequence comprises a second viral IRES element derived from Encephalomyocarditis virus.
- 9. The nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, further comprising a transcription control sequence upstream of the at least one expression control sequence, and a polyadenylation signal sequence or a poly adenosine located sequence downstream of the at least one coding region.
- 10. A recombinant vector comprising a nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1.
- 11. The recombinant vector of claim 10, wherein the at least one expression control sequence comprises a first expression control sequence having a first IRES element and a second expression control sequence located downstream of the first expression control sequence and having a second IRES element.
- 12. A method of stimulating an immune response in a subject, the method comprising administering a pharmaceutically effective amount of a nucleic acid molecule, wherein the nucleic acid molecule comprising: at least one expression control sequence comprising a viral Internal Ribosomal Entry Site (IRES) element having a viral 5' untranslated region (5' UTR).
- 13. The method of claim 12, wherein the nucleic acid molecule further comprise at least one coding region linked operatively to the at least one expression control sequence and encoding a peptide or a protein.
- 14. The method of claim 13, wherein the at least one coding region encodes an antigen or fragments thereof.

- 15. The method of claim 13, wherein the at least one coding region encodes a peptide or a protein selected from the group consisting of a viral pathogen, a viral antigen and combination thereof.
- 16. The method of claim 13, wherein the at least one expression control sequence comprises a first expression control sequence having a first IRES element and a second expression control sequence located downstream of the first expression control sequence and having a second IRES element.
- 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the at least one coding region comprises a first coding region located between the first and second expression control sequences and a second coding region located downstream of the second expression control sequence.
- 18. The method of claim 13, wherein the first expression control sequence comprises a first viral IRES element derived from coxsackie B virus or Cricket paralysis virus, and the second expression control sequence comprises a second viral IRES element derived from Encephalomyocarditis virus.
- 19. The method of claim 13, wherein the viral IRES element is derived from at least one of Picornaviridae family, Togaviridae family, Dicistroviridae family, Flaviridae family, Retroviridae family and Herpesviridae family.
- 20. The method of claim 16, wherein the viral IRES element is derived from at least one of coxsackie B virus, Cricket paralysis virus, Japanese Encephalitis virus, Encephalomyocarditis virus and Sindbis virus.
- 21. The method of claim 13, the nucleic acid molecule further comprises a viral 3' untranslated region (3' UTR) located downstream of the 5' UTR, and wherein the at least one coding region is located between the 5' UTR and the 3' UTR.

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